(b) the details of routes on which the said services are to be operated and the frequency of services on these routes, route-wise;

(c) the details of fares to be charged on the routes as in (b) above, point to point-wise details;

(d) the details of proposed administrative and commercial set up of Pawan Hans at Dibrugarh; and

(e) whether Vayudoot has any specific plans to increase its services in Upper Assam and Arunachal Pradesh; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) It has been decided to connect important and less accessible towns in North Eastern Region through helicopter services to be operated by Pawan Hans Limited initially with two helicopters, each having seating capacity of about 20 passengers. A helicopter based at Dibrugarh would serve the interior areas of Arunachal Pradesh. Another helicopter based at Kohima/Dimapur may serve the interior areas of Nagaland.

The services will commence soon after arrangements for provision of infrastructure by State Governments and firming up of route structure are settled by Pawan Hans Limited in consultation with the State Governments concerned and North Eastern Council.

Since the operations would be in hilly terrain, efforts will be made to complete the day's schedule by forenoon hours to enable passengers to connect outward flights to Calcutta, Delhi etc.

(b) to (d) Other details including proposed routes, fares and staffing pattern would be decided after infrastructural arrangements are settled with the State Governments and the North Eastern Council.

(e) Due to commercial and operational constraints at present Vayudoot is not in a position to restore air services in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. However the position would be reviewed as soon as the situation improves.

Development of Facilities at Dibrugarh Airport

4185. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of specific improvements made in the facilities available at Dibrugarh Airport during the last three years and in the current year so far, year-wise details;

(b) whether Government has any specific plans to strengthen/develop the said airport and re-model the existing outdated terminal building there; if so, the specific step taken in this regard and the amounts sanctioned for the purpose in the current year and the coming years, year-wise break-up;

(c) the actual number of passengers embarking and disembarking from the said airport during the last three years, month-wise break-up with the relevant percentage of increase/decrease ending July, 1993;

(d) the average number of embarking passengers from the said airport for Guwahati, Calcutta, Bagdogra and Delhi per flight during the last three years, month-wise break-up ending July, 1993;

(e) the details of Indian Airlines and Vayudoot services to Dibrugarh during the last three years up-to-date;

(f) the reasons for withdrawing flight IC-489/490 between Delhi and Dibrugarh more particularly when Indian Airlines was generating cash surplus from this flight; and

(g) whether Indian Airlines proposed to restart this flight, if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

कार्गो सेवा का शुरू किया जाना

4186. श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार खाड़ी के देशों में सब्जियों, फलों, मटन आदि वस्तुओं की मांग को देखते हुए मुम्बई से या देश के किसी अन्य शहर से कोई कार्गो सेवा शुरू करने के बारे में सोच रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (ग) कार्गो उड़ान से संबंधी मुक्त आकाश नीति के अन्तर्गत, भारत में किसी भी हवाई अड्डे से/को भारतीय और विदेशी वाहकों द्वारा कार्गो सेवाएं प्रचालित की जा